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A story of coming together to help the community
for 4th & 5th grade readers.

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Rob was an ordinary person. Nothing special about him, he was just like you and me.



And like most people, Rob didn't like trash.

As a matter of fact he couldn't stand it!

Everywhere he went, he would find garbage that didn't belong there at all!

Even the dump, where all the trash was supposed to go, had too much.

Rob decides to make a change, to make a difference, and do something about this problem he faces.



But first, he has to change himself. Rob spins around as fast as he can, transforming himself into...

Himself...nothing changed.



"How am I supposed to change the world and get rid of
all the extra trash by myself if I'm just a normal guy?"
Rob thought to himself.



Looking for words of wisdom to answer his question, Rob goes to the only person who can really help him. His great-grandma Roberta.

"You don't need to change anything about yourself, or the way you look to make a difference, Rob. You just have to get out there and try as hard as you can to do what you need to do."

That was all Rob needed to hear. He was ready to recycle! "What better way to get rid of all this extra garbage, than to reuse it!!?" He said to himself excitedly.

Rob grabbed some trash bags, a pair of latex gloves to keep his hands clean, and a sweet headband.





Banana peels, glass jars, vases that cost more money than Rob could imagine, Rob went straight to work and scooped up every piece of waste in his neighborhood he'd seen, whether it was reusable or not. Even mini-televisions with broken screens!



Rob started to realize how much hard work it took to clean up his community. He decided to join a club, since strength was in numbers, as Rob could see.

"Welcome to the Recycling Club! Glad you came, we're always looking for a new pair hands to help us put garbage to shame." said the president of the club as he squeezed Rob's hand. Rob smiled and squeezed back, because he was finally taking a stand!



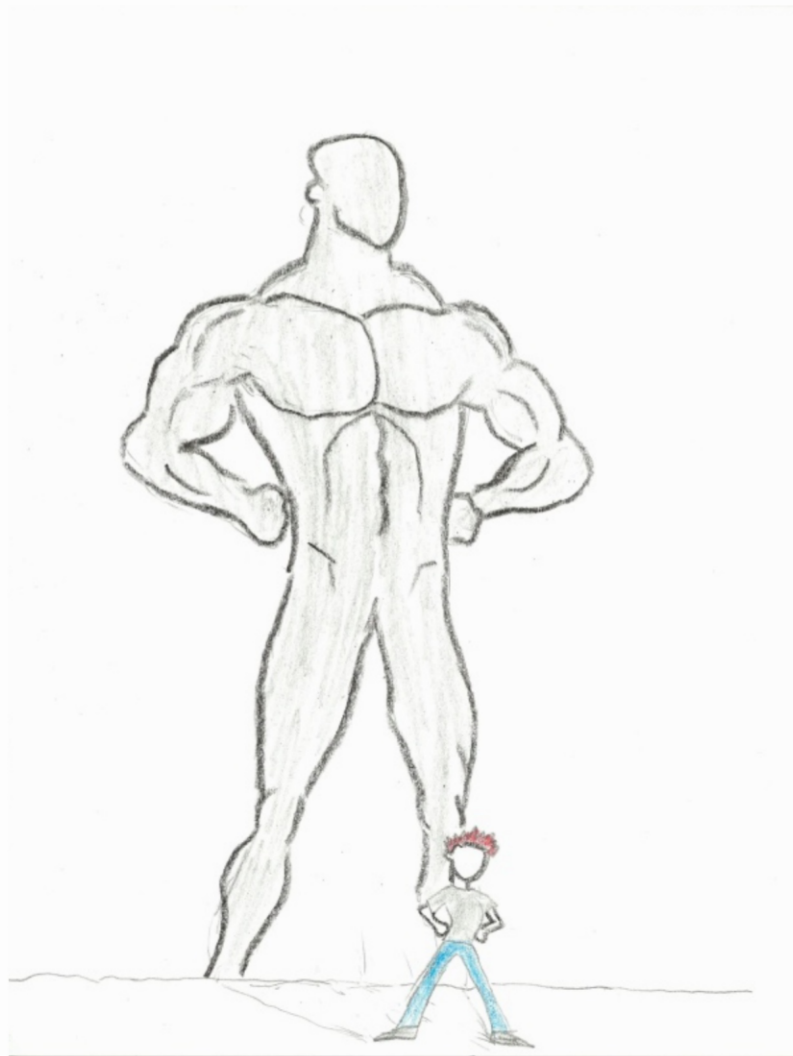


The Recycling Club, with Rob being their newest member, wasted no time. They got straight to business, as they went under the super high way, where cars whizzed, honked and screeched to and from the city. There was so much trash, it took a whole day to get it done!

Next, they went to the beach, and dived below to grab trash that was harming animals and getting the water dirty.



Soon enough, Rob knew what his Grandma meant. He didn't need to change anything to make a difference in his community. All he needed was to do some hard work, and join with his community, to make an impact on it. He was overwhelmed with a sense of pride in himself.



Rob felt like a superhero, even though he still had on the same clothes and he same hair, it was like had the power to change the world!



Now that Rob has found his way into helping his community, he wants you to join the battle. Will you step up to the challenge?